

Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Borough of Hillsdale held at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 1, 2022

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

Mayor Ruocco called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Ruocco asked that all remain standing for a moment of silence and prayer to all those lives affected in the Ukraine and a moment of prayer for our world leaders.

Mayor Ruocco began the meeting with the Open Public Meeting Statement:

This is a meeting of the Hillsdale Borough Council on this 1ST day of March 2022. Notice of the time and place of this meeting has been provided to The Ridgewood News and The Bergen Record; a copy was posted on the bulletin board outside of this meeting room and provided to any interested parties.

Please silence all cell phones. Please wait to be recognized by the Mayor during the Public Hearing and the Public Comment part of the meeting. You will need to state your name and town of residence for the record.

ROLL CALL:

Council Members DeRosa, Escobar, Horvath, Lundy, Pizzella, Council President Trochimiuk, Mayor Ruocco, (Borough Attorney Mark Madaio, Borough Clerk Denise Kohan)

At the time of roll call, Councilman Escobar was not in attendance.

APPOINTMENTS/OATH OF OFFICE:

Mayor Ruocco presents the names of the following individuals for appointment, with the Advice and Consent of the Council, to the indicated positions and the specified terms of office.

RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Teen Member: [Anthony Sileo](#)

Term Expiring 12/31/23

Motion: Councilman DeRosa Second: Councilman Pizzella

Ayes: Councilmember DeRosa, Horvath, Lundy, Pizzella, Council President Trochimiuk

Nays: none

Absent: Councilman Escobar

CREATION OF TEMPORARY COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Council would like to create the following special committees for the remainder of 2022 to make recommendations to the governing body. The mayor separated these into 3 separate motions.

Field Committee	Anthony DeRosa	John Escobar	Abby Lundy	Borough Administrator	
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Motion: Councilmember Lundy Second: Councilmember DeRosa

Councilman Horvath objected to the way this committee structure was put together. He would like this restructured in a more equitable way.

Councilman Pizzella does not have an issue with the field committee, but he would like to wait until a Borough Administrator is appointed to move ahead with the other committees if they feel that it is necessary.

Councilman DeRosa stated that we operate under committees in every facet of the borough. The purpose of the committees is to report back to council.

Mayor Ruocco asked why the Recreation Director is not on the Field Committee. Councilmember Lundy stated that DMR gave what they thought was the best option for the fields, so there is really no need for her input.

Mayor Ruocco asked for a motion to add the Recreation Director to the Field Committee:

Motion Councilmember Lundy Second Councilmember DeRosa

All were in favor (exception of Councilmember Escobar who was absent at this time)

Councilmember Horvath stated that he would like to be on the field committee.

(Councilmember Escobar joined the meeting at this time)

Council President Trochimiuk stated that if we are trying to allocate people to these committees someone might be doubled up because of the number of members. Councilmember Lundy stated that the purpose of the committee is to work with the engineers and go through the specs and bring the information to council. Councilman DeRosa added that they also would touch base with the sports associations.

Ayes: Councilmember Escobar, Lundy, Pizzella, DeRosa

Nays: Horvath, Council President Trochimiuk

Senior/Recreational Space & Programming	Anthony DeRosa	Zoltan Horvath	Janetta Trochimiuk	Patricia Hughes	Borough Administrator
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Motion: Councilmember Lundy Second: Councilmember DeRosa

Councilmember Pizzella again added that we should wait until we have a Borough Administrator and then if he or she wants to move ahead with it we can be created.

Council President Trochimiuk stated that she has yet to see any reports from DMR for a senior center or recreational space. She hasn't heard about any discussions on these committees or on any report.

Councilmember Lundy stated that the purpose of breaking out these committees is that we don't know where we are with the senior/rec component or the DPW facility. We know where we are with the fields and by doing this we can move ahead with doing the fields.

Councilman Horvath stated that someone took it upon themselves to set up these committees without consulting the rest of council. This should wait until we have a Borough Administrator.

Councilmember DeRosa stated that no matter what anybody says or does is always suspect. This was done to separate three different projects from the one that was further ahead. He is also good with waiting on the others until we have a Borough Administrator.

Council President Trochimiuk added that she voted no on the field committee because of the members but she is all for the field committee to be created and move forward. The other two committees she feels we should wait to have these committees with the advice of the new Borough Administrator.

Roll call was taken:

Ayes: None

Nays: Councilmember Horvath, Lundy, Pizzella, Council President Trochimiuk, DeRosa, Escobar

This committee failed to be appointed.

Relocation of DPW Facility	John Escobar	Abby Lundy	Janetta Trochimiuk	Barry Peterson	Borough Administrator
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Motion: Councilmember Lundy Second: Councilmember DeRosa

Councilmember Lundy asked that if and when we create this committee that we add the OEM Coordinator as well.

Roll call was taken

Ayes: None

Nays: Councilmember Horvath, Lundy, Pizzella, Council President Trochimiuk, DeRosa, Escobar

This committee failed to be appointed.

Mayor Ruocco asked the Council if they would like him to disband the Mayor’s steering committee on Fields & Community Center because its overlapping? Councilmember DeRosa stated that many of the same people are on that committee and it would probably be best.

Mayor Ruocco asked for the record to show that he has disbanded the steering committee.

Mayor Ruocco asked about the Citizens Advisory Committee. Councilmember Horvath suggested they be disbanded as well as they have served their purpose.

Councilmember Lundy and Council President Trochimiuk as well as Councilman DeRosa feel that the mayor should keep the citizens advisory committee. This committee will remain.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

[February 1, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes](#)

February 1, 2022 Closed Session Meeting Minutes

[February 8, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes](#)

February 8, 2022 Closed Session Meeting Minutes

[February 10, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes](#)

February 10, 2022 Closed Session Minutes

[February 15, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes](#)

February 15, 2022 Closed Session Minutes

Motion Councilmember Lundy Second Councilmember DeRosa

Ayes: Councilmember Horvath, Lundy, Pizzella, Council President Trochimiuk, DeRosa, Escobar

Nays: None

INITIAL PUBLIC COMMENT (Time limited, new topics only, one topic per speaker):

Mayor Ruocco stated that he sees no one looking to speak so he closed the initial public comment period.

PRESENTATIONS:

[Rethinking Hillsdale Streets](#) – Economic Development Committee

Councilman Frank Pizzella

Councilman Pizzella stated that this presentation was in response to the mayor's request to address some of the things that we had done during covid and address the other businesses wanting to permanently expand their space. The streets are the livelihood of our community. The objective is to have the streets alive and active so that the town and downtown remain relevant.

You have to create a temporary program that will eventually turn into a more permanent program. You would have to make some zoning changes for this.

Some of our options are parklets, strEatery, gamelets and public main streets for dining retail and marketing. Parklets are extensions of the sidewalk as they fit into parking spaces. It allows for tables to be put out in the street and there would be barriers around it for safety, but also allow the public to walk safely on the sidewalk. A strEatery allows for closing the streets and a gamelet is like the big chess games and these draw people to the downtown. This all promotes safety, safe spaces and promote local businesses by expanding their space.

The draw is necessary because it leads to pedestrian traffic which leads to revitalization.

Somerville New Jersey has done something similar and we can refer to them as a resource.

Lastly, Councilman Pizzella offered some ideas on placement of these concepts.

Mayor Ruocco stated that since the Planning Board is working on the Master Plan this may be a good time to introduce it to them as well and asked if Councilman Pizzella would present it to them. Mayor Ruocco also asked the council to respond back to Councilman Pizzella with their thoughts by April if possible.

If there are any concepts that are of interest, he (Pizzella) has the language to introduce into our code. Unless you tell the establishments where the outdoor dining is going to go and establish guidelines, you cannot make it permanent, this is the placement concept. We don't address this in our current ordinance for outdoor dining. Mayor Ruocco was hoping that the Economic Development Committee would liberalize outdoor dining because residents would like to keep outdoor dining. All the exceptions that we made during Covid have now expired so we are back to the tight restrictions. The mayor would like to "tweak" these restrictions to make outdoor dining easier. Because of the sidewalks and the locations of some of the businesses its not that easy because there is not enough space for pedestrian traffic. There are grants out there for businesses that will pay for these parklets for them. Councilman DeRosa asked if these parklets are permanent fixtures? Councilman Pizzella stated that you can make them however you want. The only problem with making them permanent is the issue with snow plowing, however they are movable.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. [Letter from Alan S Robinson regarding missing street lamps on Mountainview Terrace/Sunrise Dr. And Royal Park Terrace](#)
2. [Email received from Jack Armitage asking for assistance for water/heat issue in their home due to a leak in the street](#)

Mayor Ruocco was in contact with Kevin O'Conner at Suez and the matter is being addressed with the homeowner.

Motion to receipt and File Councilmember Lundy Second Councilman DeRosa

Ayes: Councilmember Lundy, Pizzella, Council President Trochimiuk, DeRosa, Escobar, Horvath

Nays: No

PROFESSIONALS REPORT/MONTHLY DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

(The following correspondence on file in Borough Clerks Office)

Hillsdale Police Department – February 2022

Police Chief Robert Francaviglia

Chief Francaviglia summarized his monthly report. They are having some radio coverage issues at the high school. He is meeting with the vendor and the high school to correct this problem and will push for the high school to pay for this as it is for their school.

A new SLEO, Linda McNulty was hired to replace an outgoing SLEO.

Last year the police department participated in no shave November and raised over \$6,000 for a Hillsdale resident in need.

The department is also looking to get back to holding the DARE program as well as the Junior Police Academy and hopefully National Night Out on August 5th.

The Chief reminded everyone to take their FOBs out of the car and make sure they are locked as well as your homes.

Councilman Horvath asked the chief if the radio issues are tied in with the cell service over by the high school.

The Chief replied that this is all part of the problem there. There is something called a bi-directional antenna that can be used to correct this. He will follow up with our Construction Official as to whether or not this should be part of our code.

Department of Public Works – February 2022

Interim DPW Superintendent Barry Peterson

Interim DPW Superintendent Peterson summarized his monthly report. They have made some repairs on the Beechwood Park Trail, which allowed them to open up parts of the trail. They are starting to prepare the baseballs fields for opening day.

The department will be engaging in a shared service with Westwood in assisting in the prep of their baseball fields.

In addition, the Borough of Westwood would like to donate their old street sweeper that we have been using. With approval we can take possession. We currently use Paramus for street sweeping and this would be used for supplemental cleaning.

Councilmember Lundy stated that the previous Superintendent stated that we were not in compliance with the DEP as we need to do street sweeping quarterly. We added \$4000 to the budget to have Paramus do the street sweeping four times a year. Would we still need to add this to the budget if we have the sweeper? Mr. Peterson stated that he would keep that money in the budget. We would be able to do extra street sweepings on our own after events without having to call in Paramus for an additional charge. Mayor Ruocco just asks that when this piece of equipment is no longer useful, the Supt gets rid of it and does not store it at the DPW. Mr. Peterson agreed.

Councilman Horvath stated that he and his crew are doing a great job. He asked what is the status of the DPW in relation to the flood? Mr. Peterson said they are still replacing equipment and they still have the environmental issue. There is nothing that needs to be addresses right away but would like to take care of the environmental issue soon. The second floor is being held up temporary within the guidelines of the Construction Official and the Borough Engineer, who was at the time Chris Statile, but Mr. Peterson does not feel that this is adequate. He is not sure if the current engineers have been down there. The current engineers responded (inaudible) but would be stopping down there to see firsthand what is going on.

Borough Engineer Report – February 2022

Colliers Engineering

Borough Engineering Craig Zimmerman met with Patty Hughes today in regards to the projects going on at Stonybrook Pool. They will be preparing a proposal of their services to come up with estimates of what needs to be done. Everything at the pool is well maintained and Patty Hughes should be credited in his opinion. The course projection is to get the ball rolling in April or May and have construction go on around Labor Day. They then went to Centennial Field and met with the contractor, Balitano Contractors who installed the slit drains. The contractor will be preparing a proposal for their services to repair the drainage trenches. They will focus on the 2 baseball fields and they expect to have this completed in March. The repair will encompass the removal of the “gravel” from the trenches and then add topsoil with fertilizer and then grass will begin to grow. This will not disturb the intent of the drains, and he feels by doing this it will make it better. Council President Trochimiuk asked if there was a charge for this and Mr. Zimmerman stated that yes, the contract will provide an estimate for this. There is still money left over from the grant that hopefully cover this. Finally, they visited Memorial Field, where we have already been given a grant for in 2020 and Beechwood Park, where we have already been given a grant for in 2021. We are looking now to do a 2022 grant for Beechwood Park, which we plan on applying to the Nature Trail. For the grants that we already have, they will ask for a wish list from the council and compare it to the scope that was prepared by the previous engineer. Mayor Ruocco stated that in their report they talked about the stream debris removal and it appears that there is nothing that can be done in the borough. Mr. Zimmerman replied that he spoke about this at the last meeting and that this EWP Program has a very rigid and regimented structure in which they would trigger assistance. Generally, the DPW would clean up your streams to keep the water moving in certain capacities as best as they can. If things back up against county property, you can also bring in the county. FEMA also had some programs that offered money for clean that could be used. He believes that this was noted on the previous engineers reports that Hillsdale did. He believes March 4th is the deadline to receive back 75% of what was spent. DPW Interim Super stated that he is now finishing up all the FEMA reporting for Tropical Storm IDA and a lot of the work that they did is all in that report so we should get that 75% back. Councilman DeRosa thanked Mr. Zimmerman for taking the time to tour the town today. Mayor Ruocco also noted that our engineers will be working with SUEZ in regards to the moving of the DPW. There is the potential of a land swap with SUEZ and this is a high priority.

DISCUSSION:

[Alexander Cleaners – Update from NJDEP](#)

Mayor John Ruocco

The DEP was back at this site working and the mayor reached out to them to see if they would be willing to come and do another presentation on this cleanup. He will try to coordinate this for sometime in April to update us on this cleanup.

Memorial Day Parade

Mayor John Ruocco

We are proceeding with a Memorial Day service & Parade in coordination with the American Legion. More details will be forthcoming.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman - Anthony DeRosa

The Regional Board of Ed met and as of 3/7 masks will be optional for students and teachers. The Boys Soccer Team and the Bowling Team both achieved State Championships. The search continues for a Superintendent. The Ambulance Committee is continuing their dialogue with surrounding towns for a possible merger.

The Recreation Commission had a special meeting to discuss and approve budgets, their regular meeting is Thursday. The meeting was also attended by the Borough Engineer to discuss ideas of what to do with the grant money that has been received.

There was a meeting among himself, Council members Lundy & Horvath, and the Citizens Advisory Committee. The councilmembers explained where they were and how they have gotten to this point in regards to the senior center/community center and field improvements. A draft vision of what the community center could look like and where it could be placed was shared along with some alternative routes like pairing up with the Board of Education, or working with possible developer funds as well as moving the current DPW building. Ideas from the citizens were given, but the consensus was that the DPW building was the priority.

Councilmember Horvath added that there are many grants out there that they will be exploring to get additional funds, but we are waiting on feedback from the engineer and the town.

Councilmember Lundy added that she spoke with the OEM Coordinator and there are funds available from the Hazardous Mitigation Grant through FEMA that can be used for the relocation of the DPW. This should be coming out in the spring. This is why she suggested that we add the OEM coordinator to the committee as he has the knowledge of this upcoming grant.

Councilman - John Escobar

He will refer back to the Police Chiefs report since the police committee did not meet.

OEM Committee reports that the borough received \$88,199 from FEMA from Tropical Storm Isaiah's and we should be receiving more funds. They are still working on applying for reimbursement from Hurricane Ida, however OEM continues to meet with FEMA every two weeks to continue to work on the application process. Once the new BA is hired, he will need to sit down with OEM and FEMA to work on the application process to apply for the Hazardous Mitigation Grant. They are still working on the Flood Siren and how to alert residents of what to do when a flood is imminent. Chief Francaviglia added that the problem is with the voice messaging that they do. It hasn't worked in some time and they are working with the county to correct this.

Councilman – Zoltan Horvath

The Historic Preservation Committee met to discuss the gala birthday party for next year for the borough. The premise right now is to do a yearlong series of events. Once they get this set, they would like to invite council and the town to give input.

Councilwoman - Abby Lundy

At a previous meeting it was brought up that someone is going into Beechwood Park with a chainsaw and cutting down trees. It happened again last week. The Environmental Commission requests that someone take a look at the ordinance regarding this and come up with stricter penalties or a way to mitigate this. They also would like signage put up and they believe that this is already in the code.

They would like to do the seedling distribution again on April 23rd at the train station from 9-12. The Interim DPW Superintendent will work with the Environmental Commission for this. As a reminder the single use plastic bag ban goes into effect on May 4th. She will be attending a webinar on this and she will report back to the council on how we can get the word out to businesses and the community.

The Finance Committee has not met since the Borough Administrator left.

Council President – Janetta Trochimiuk

Her DPW Committee is waiting for the new Borough Administrator to start before she sets up the quarterly meeting for this committee.

The Library Board of Trustees met and that is where she presented her ideas of expanding senior activities at the library, however the seniors are not interested in doing this.

Mayor Ruocco added that the seniors want the library to increase their activities and the staff was looking to do this anyway.

Council President Trochimiuk reiterated that the seniors didn't want the library to revamp any of the rooms for their activities. The seniors feel if they use the library for activities, they won't get a separate location for their activities. Councilman Horvath added that the seniors feel that they need a larger space and have a kitchen and a room to store their items.

Councilmember Lundy asked where are we getting this information from? Other than the information that is received from the 50 plus Club, which is about 90 people in total, who is representing all the other seniors in town? Councilman Horvath agrees with Councilmember Lundy. They want to have a location that is for all the seniors, not just the 50 Plus Club and those seniors that attend the St John's luncheons. Outside the lunches, Councilman Horvath stated that there are other activities that the seniors take part in like trips, going to plays, movies through the Rec Dept. With their own location they won't have to go out of town for things like this.

ORDINANCES:

22-03- Adoption

[An Ordinance Establishing Salary Ranges for the Staff of the Hillsdale Swimming Pool in the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey](#)

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale in the County of Bergen and State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION I:

The Compensation of all personnel whose services are required for the operation, maintenance and regulation of the Facility as approved by the Swimming Pool Commission is as follows:

SALARY RANGE

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>MIN.</u>	<u>MAX.</u>
A. Manager/Director	\$32,000.00	\$52,000.00
B. First Assistant	\$8,000.00	\$25,000.00
C. Second Assistant	\$7,800.00	\$12,000.00
D. Third Assistant	\$7,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
E. Fourth Assistant	\$5,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
F. Office Manager	\$4,000.00	\$ 8,300.00
G. Maintenance Manager	\$12.00 hourly	\$21.00 hourly
H. Pre-Season Maintenance	\$12.00 hourly	\$17.00 hourly
I. Secretary/Office Staff	\$ 12.00 hourly	\$25.00 hourly

SECTION II:

Trained Lifeguards: Part time minimum age 15 years, Full time age 16 years. **Recreation:** Minimum age 14 years, **Gate:** Minimum age 15 years, Cashiers Minimum age 16 years. **Maintenance:** Minimum age 17 years. **Seasonal Employees** over the age of 18 maintain the New Jersey State Minimum Wage.

<u>YEARS WORKED</u>	<u>RANGE/HOURLY</u>			<u>RANGE/HOURLY</u>		
<u>LIFEGUARDS</u>	<u>MIN.</u>	<u>MAX</u>	<u>GATE/REC.</u>	<u>MIN</u>	<u>MAX</u>	
	1.	\$10.00	\$12.00	1.	\$9.50	\$11.00
	2.	\$11.00	\$13.00	2.	\$10.50	\$12.00
	3.	\$12.00	\$14.00	3.	\$11.00	\$13.00
	4.	\$13.00	\$15.00	4.	\$12.50	\$14.00
	5.	\$14.00	\$16.00	5.	\$13.00	\$15.00
	6.	\$15.00	\$17.00	6.	\$13.50	\$16.00
	7.	\$16.00	\$18.00	7.	\$14.00	\$16.50
	8.	\$17.00	\$19.00	8.	\$15.00	\$17.00

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>MIN</u>	<u>MAX</u>
J. Coordinator of Group swim lessons	\$750.00	\$2,000.00
K. Lifeguard safety instructor	\$900.00	\$1,500.00
L. Head Lifeguard	\$700.00	\$1,500.00
M. Business manager Swim/Dive	\$550.00	\$1,100.00
N. Gate Manager	\$600.00	\$1,000.00
O. Guppy Camp Director	\$2,000.00	\$3,200.00
P. Camp director other	\$1,000.00	\$3,200.00
Q. Aqua Fin Fit Camp Director (kids 5-12)	\$700.00	\$1,100.00
R. Aquatic Fit Camp Director (18+)	\$700.00	\$1,100.00
S. Kids Korner Klub	\$500.00	\$4,500.00
T. Social Media coordinator	\$500.00	\$4,500.00

SECTION III:

A part time/substitute Life guard must earn at least \$4,000 the previous year to move up to full time.

ADDITIONAL RATES:

Certified lifeguard water safety instructor	\$1.75 hourly
Assistant life guard water safety instructor	\$0.75 hourly
CPR Instructor	\$1.25 hourly
EMT Certification	\$1.75 hourly
Certified Red Cross Lifeguard manager	\$1,000.00
Certified Red Cross Director manager	\$1,000.00
Certified Pool Operator -Hourly employee	\$2.00 hourly
Certified Pool Operator	\$1,500.00
Teach private swim lessons (1 child)	\$18.00 half hour

Teach private swim lessons (2 children) \$22.00 half hour

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>MIN.</u>	<u>MAX</u>
Head Swim Coach	\$3,000.00	\$6,000.00
Head Dive Coach	\$2,000.00	\$4,500.00
Assistant Dive/Swim Coach Level 1	\$400.00	\$500.00
Assistant Dive/Swim Coach Level 2	\$500.00	\$600.00
Assistant Dive/Swim Coach Level 3	\$600.00	\$700.00
Assistant Dive/Swim Coach Level 4	\$700.00	\$800.00
Assistant Dive/Swim Coach Level 5	\$800.00	\$900.00
Yoga Instructor	\$300.00	\$800.00
Aqua Aerobics Instructor	\$350.00	\$900.00
Fall/Winter Help	\$13.00 hourly	\$18.00 hourly

SECTION IV:

The compensation fixed and determined by this ordinance for the persons holding the respective offices and positions of employment herein named, shall in lieu of all other fees, costs and charges received and collected by such officers and employees shall be remitted promptly to the Borough treasurer.

SECTION V:

All ordinances and resolutions inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed as to such inconsistencies.

SECTION VI:

This ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage, approval and publications of notice. Thereof as required by law, and provisions of the ordinance shall be retroactive to January 1, 2022.

Motion to open public hearing on Ordinance 22-03 Councilmember Lundy Second Councilmember DeRosa
Ayes: Councilmember Pizzella, Council President Trochimiuk, DeRosa, Escobar, Horvath, Lundy
Nays: None

I will now open the meeting to the public. If anyone desires to be heard regarding Ordinance No. 22-03, please say your name and wait to be recognized, once recognized state your name and address for the record.

I will now entertain a motion that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 22-03 be closed and that it be resolved that this ordinance was posted on the bulletin board on which public notices are customarily posted and published in the Ridgewood News. Copies of said ordinance were made available to the general public.

Motion to close public hearing on Ordinance 22-03 Councilmember DeRosa Second Council President Trochimiuk
Ayes: Council President Trochimiuk, DeRosa, Councilmember Escobar, Horvath, Lundy, Pizzella
Nays: None

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 22-03 Councilmember Lundy Second Councilmember DeRosa

Ayes: Councilmember DeRosa, Escobar, Horvath, Lundy, Pizzella, Council President Trochimiuk
 Nays: None

Now, therefore, be it resolved that this ordinance is adopted and the Borough Clerk is authorized to advertise the same according to law.

22-04- Adoption

[An Ordinance to Amend and Supplement Ordinance 09-01 Chapter 138 “Fees” and Chapter 71 Swimming Pool Commission](#)

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale as follows:

SECTION 1: Chapter 138 of the Code of the Borough of Hillsdale is amended and supplemented to include membership fees in the following schedule and definition:

CHAPTER 71, Swimming Pool Commission

RATES FOR 2022

RESIDENTS-		PRICE		RESIDENTS (Volunteer Discount 25%)		PRICE	
Membership Type	On or before May 29th	After May 29th	Membership Type	On or before May 29th	After May 29th	Membership Type	After May 29th
A. Family of Two	\$635.00	\$667.00	A. Family of Two	\$476.00	\$500.00		
B. Family (3 persons)	\$656.00	\$689.00	B. Family (3 persons)	\$492.00	\$517.00		
C. Family (4-5 persons)	\$698.00	\$732.00	C. Family (4-5 persons)	\$523.00	\$549.00		
D. Family (6-7 persons)	\$761.00	\$793.00	D. Family (6-7 persons)	\$571.00	\$595.00		
E. Family (8+)	\$824.00	\$856.00	E. Family 8+	\$618.00	\$642.00		
F. The Graduate (18-25)	\$398.00	\$430.00	F. The Graduate (18-25)	\$298.00	\$322.00		
G. Young Professional (26-49)	\$450.00	\$482.00	G. Young Professional (26-49)	\$337.00	\$361.00		
H. Empty Nester (50-61)	\$346.00	\$378.00	H. Empty Nester (50-61)	\$259.00	\$283.00		
I. Senior Citizen 1 (62+)	\$278.00	\$310.00	I. Senior Citizen 1 (62+)	\$208.00	\$232.00		
J. Senior Citizen 2 (62+)	\$388.00	\$420.00	J. Senior Citizen 2 (62+)	\$291.00	\$315.00		

NON-RESIDENTS	PRICE	NON-RESIDENTS discount 25%	PRICE
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Membership Type	On or before May 29th	After May 29th	Membership Type	On or before May 29th	After May 29th
A. Family of Two	\$845.00	\$877.00	A. Family of Two	\$634.00	\$658.00
B. Family (3 persons)	\$866.00	\$898.00	B. Family (3 persons)	\$649.00	\$673.00
C. Family (4-5 persons)	\$908.00	\$940.00	C. Family (4-5 persons)	\$681.00	\$705.00
D. Family (6-7 persons)	\$971.00	\$1076.00	D. Family (6-7 persons)	\$728.00	\$807.00
E. Family (8+ persons)	\$1034.00	\$1139.00	E. Family (8+ persons)	\$775.00	\$854.00
F. The Graduate (18-25)	\$503.00	\$534.00	F. The Graduate (18-25)	\$377.00	\$400.00
G. Young Professional (26-49)	\$555.00	\$587.00	G. Young Professional (26-49)	\$416.00	\$440.00
H. Empty Nester (50-61)	\$451.00	\$483.00	H. Empty Nester (50-61)	\$338.00	\$362.00
I. Senior Citizen 1 (62+)	\$331.00	\$362.00	I. Senior Citizen 1 (62+)	\$248.00	\$194.00
J. Senior Citizen 2 (62+)	\$488.00	\$520.00	J. Senior Citizen 2 (62+)	\$366.00	\$390.00

VOLUNTEER:

Persons serving the Borough of Hillsdale, who are either elected or appointed to a Borough Board, Office, Department, Commission and who require to take an oath of office.

Volunteers shall include but not limited to Mayor and Council, Fire Department, Dept. of Health, Environments Commission, Historian, Recreation Committee, Swimming Pool

Commission, Hillsdale Board of Education Members, Police Reserve and Ambulance

**Credit card Convenience
Fee 3%**

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**Implementation Fee
(All Membership's) 10%
\$20.00**

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SECTION II:

Chapter 71: "Swimming Pool Commission", Section 71-2 Members is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

MEMBERS:

C. Compensation: The member of the commission shall serve without salary or other compensation for their service.

Excluded from the prohibition is membership rate afforded Borough Volunteers.

<u>SECTION III:</u>	PRICE
Guest Pass Discount Book	\$85.00
Daily Guest Pass Adult (weekdays and weekends)	\$20.00
Daily Guest Pass Child (weekdays and weekends) Under 17	\$13.00
Daily Guest Pass Senior 62+	\$16.00
Private Lessons Members – 1 child ½ hour	\$40.00
Private Lessons Members – 2 children ½ hour	\$65.00
Private Lessons Non-Members - 1 child ½ hour	\$50.00
Private Lessons Non-Member – 2 children ½ hour	\$75.00
Group Swim Lessons Non-Members	\$85.00
Group Swim Lessons Members	\$90.00
Jr. Lifeguard classes each	\$135 - \$150.00
Group Swim Lesson – Camp Day	\$75.00
Mommy and Me – Members	\$45.00
Mommy and Me – Non-Members	\$50.00
Fab Four – Members	\$55.00
Fab-Four Non-Members	\$60.00
Baby Sitter each (max 2 per family)	\$140.00
Swim team (must be a member)	\$100.00
Dive Team (must be a member)	\$80.00
Swim and Dive team (Maximum)	\$300.00
Group Dive Lessons	\$50.00

Group Dive Lessons – Non-member		\$55.00
Kids Korner Klub – Summer Dues		
(Per child)		\$100.00
Kids Korner Klub – daily use (per child)		\$5.00
Chair Storage – Senior 62+		\$14.00
Camp Fees – HD & RV per camper		\$70.00
Ping Pong Balls each		.25
ID Replacement		\$12.00
Swim team rental per lane per hour		\$30.00
Grandparent membership (must be sponsored by member)		\$170.00
	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
Lounge Chair Rental – daily	\$5.00	\$20.00
Guppy Swim Camp per session	\$150.00	\$300.00
Spirit Wear Clothing	\$3.00	\$15.00
Selling of snack foods	\$1.00	\$50.00
Fin Fitness Camp, per week (ages 5-12)	\$100.00	\$300.00
Fitness Camp, per week – (adults 18+)	\$100.00	\$400.00
Water Polo (Adults 18+) per lane per hour	\$22.00	\$50.00
Dry Land Training – per hour	\$75.00	\$200.00
Scuba and Snorkel instruction		
(per person)	\$35.00	\$300.00
Aqua Aerobics		
(Members & Non-members) per class	\$10.00	\$50.00
Yoga		
(Members and Non—members) per class	\$10.00	\$50.00
	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
Ladies Night, family night & other special events per person	\$10.00	\$65.00
Non-Hilldale Camp Parties (1 day – 3hrs)	\$300.00	\$1,200.00
Outside Private Swim/Dive Team Rental	\$4,000.00	\$40,000.00

Friday night's 5-10 pm Non-member's adults		\$15.00	\$20.00
Friday night's 5-10 pm, Non-member's child		\$10.00	\$12.00
Friday night's 5-10 pm Non-members senior 62+		\$12.00	\$15.00
Parking in lot		\$5.00	\$5,000.00
PRIVATE PARTIES			
Parties till 8 pm (4 hours)	100 people	\$1000.00	\$1200.00
Parties till 8 pm (4 hours)	101-150 people	\$1300.00	\$1800.00
Parties till 8 pm (4 hours)	150-200 people	\$2000.00	\$3000.00
Parties till 8 pm (4 hours)	201-300 people	\$3500.00	\$4000.00
Parties after 8 pm to 11 pm	100 people	\$1200.00	\$1800.00
Parties after 8 pm to 11 pm	101-150 people	\$1900.00	\$2400.00
Parties after 8 pm to 11 pm	151-300 people	\$2500.00	\$3000.00
Parties after 8 pm to 11 pm	301-400 people	\$3200.00	\$3600.00
Parties after 8 pm to 11 pm	401-500 people	\$3700.00	\$4200.00
School Parties (4 hours)		\$975.00	\$1,400.00
Family Parties – Members (2 hours) club open evening		\$225.00	\$400.00
Birthday Parties, Members, club open (2 hours) daytime		\$100.00	\$600.00

***NO REFUNDS ON ANY MEMBERSHIP AFTER MAY 30TH, 2022 – NO REFUNDS ON ANY PROGRAM OR PARTY FEES**

***New members only promotion of 10% to 20% off – one per family discount at designated open house or special promotion**

SECTION IV:

This ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage, approval and publication of notice thereof as required by law, and the provisions of this ordinance shall be retroactive to January 1, 2022

Motion to open public hearing on Ordinance 22-04 Councilmember Lundy Second Councilmember DeRosa
Ayes: Councilmember Escobar, Horvath, Lundy, Pizzella, Council President Trochimiuk, DeRosa

Nays: None

I will now open the meeting to the public. If anyone desires to be heard regarding Ordinance No. 22-04, please say your name and wait to be recognized, once recognized state your name and address for the record.

I will now entertain a motion that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 22-04 be closed and that it be resolved that this ordinance was posted on the bulletin board on which public notices are customarily posted and published in the Ridgewood News. Copies of said ordinance were made available to the general public.

Motion to close public hearing on Ordinance 22-04 Council President Trochimiuk Second Councilmember DeRosa

Ayes: Councilmember Horvath, Lundy, Pizzella, Council President Trochimiuk, DeRosa, Escobar

Nays: None

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 22-04 Councilmember Lundy Second Councilmember Derosa

Ayes: Councilmember Lundy, Pizzella, Council President Trochimiuk, DeRosa, Escobar, Horvath

Nays: None

RESOLUTIONS:(Consent Agenda): R22064 through R22067:

[R22064](#) Resolution Recommending the Hiring of Probationary Police Officer – Kevin Gadomski

WHEREAS, there exists a vacancy in the Hillsdale Police Department for a police officer; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough has gone through the process of applications and interviews to employ the services of a police officer; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has recommended the hiring of a probationary police officer for the Hillsdale Borough Police Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the recommendation of Chief Robert Francaviglia to employ Kevin Gadomski as a Probationary Police Officer with the Hillsdale Police Department is accepted and Kevin Gadomski is hereby appointed to Probationary Police Officer with the Hillsdale Police Department, at a salary of \$38,495.00, effective approximately March 7, 2022.

[R22065](#) Resolution Authorizing a Refund of a Tax Overpayment – 10 Oak Street

WHEREAS, a duplicate tax payment due to the sale of a property has resulted in overpayment of taxes, Real Safe Title and CoreLogic, for 1st Quarter 2022 on the property listed below,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale authorize the Tax Collector to refund the following taxes:

Block 718, Lot 3

10 Oak Street

\$ 3,688.97

Refund to:

Real Safe Title

111 Littleton Road, Suite 301

Parsippany, NJ 07054

[R22066](#) Resolution Awarding the Contract for Operation of the Concession Stand at Stonybrook Swim Club for the 2022 Season and up to Two- One Year Options to Mellsworth Foods, LLC

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale promulgated bid specifications to obtain bids for the operation of the concession stand at Stonybrook Pool; and,

WHEREAS, bids were obtained in accordance with applicable law and bids for the Project were opened February 3, 2022 at via the Zoom Meeting platform; and,

WHEREAS, one (1) bidder responded to the Request for Bids; and,

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder was Mellsworth Foods, LLC. with a bid of Twenty-Four Thousand Three Hundred (\$24,300.00) Dollars for year 2022, Twenty-Four Thousand Three Hundred (\$24,300.00) Dollars for first of two 1-year options for year 2023, Twenty-Four Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$24,400.00) Dollars for the second year of a two-year option for the year 2024; and,

WHEREAS, Mellsworth Foods, LLC has met all of the bid specifications for the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the contract for the Concession Stand at Stonybrook Swim Club is awarded to Mellsworth Foods, LLC, 102 E Main Street, Ramsey, New Jersey 07446 and the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Borough, to execute an Agreement with Mellsworth Foods, LLC in the amount of Twenty-Four Thousand Three Hundred (\$24,300.00) Dollars for year 2022, Twenty-Four Thousand Three Hundred (\$24,300.00) Dollars for year 2023, Twenty-Four Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$24,400.00) Dollars for year 2024; A copy of the executed Agreement shall be on file in the office of the Borough Clerk.

[R22067](#) Resolution Urging the Swift Passage of S-330 Which Restores Energy Tax Receipts

WHEREAS, taxes on gas and electric utilities were originally collected by the host municipalities to be used for local purposes and to compensate the public for the use of their rights of way; and

WHEREAS, when the State made itself the collection agent for these taxes, it promised to dedicate the proceeds to municipal property tax relief; since, just as municipalities collect property taxes for the benefit of school districts, counties, and other entities, the State is supposed to collect Energy Taxes for the benefit of municipal governments; and

WHEREAS, for years, though, State budget makers have diverted funding from Energy Taxes to fund State programs; and instead of being spent on local programs and services and used to offset property taxes, the money has been spent as successive Legislatures and Administrations have seen fit; and

WHEREAS, the diversion of dedicated energy tax receipts to the State's General Fund further jeopardizes this critical property tax relief funding in future years; and

WHEREAS, by reducing Consolidated Municipal Property Tax Relief Act (CMPTRA), which is also comprised of revenues that should be returned to municipalities, State Budget makers have been able to continue collecting Energy Taxes, while keeping additional revenue that should have been returned to provide property tax relief; and

WHEREAS, the cumulative impact of years of underfunding has left many municipalities with serious needs and burdensome property taxes; and

WHEREAS, local elected officials are in the best position to decide the best use of these resources, which were always intended to fund local programs and services; and

WHEREAS, Senator Singleton and Senate President Scutari have introduced legislation (S-330) that will restore, over a five-year period, Energy Tax Receipts to municipalities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Borough of Hillsdale in the county of Bergen urges the Legislature to swiftly pass this legislation and Governor Murphy sign the legislation prior to passage of the FY2023 State budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution is forwarded to Assemblyman Robert Auth, Assemblywoman DeAnne DeFuccio, Senator Holly Schepisi, Senate President Scutari, Assembly Speaker Coughlin, Governor Murphy, and the League of Municipalities.

Mayor Ruocco added that for Resolution 22067 he asked the CMFO to calculate what Hillsdale has lost on this since 2002 to current and that turned out to be 14.2 million dollars. That is what the state took from the Borough of Hillsdale after it redirected the Energy Tax Receipts from the towns.. If this passes at the legislative level, this resolution will enable us to keep ETRs instead of giving it to the state.

Motion Councilman DeRosa Second Councilmember Lundy

Ayes: Councilmember Pizzella, Council President Trochimiuk, DeRosa, Escobar, Horvath, Lundy

Nays: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Seeing no one wishing to speak, Mayor Ruocco closed the second public comment period.

COUNCIL COMMENTARIES:

Councilmember Horvath commended the mayor for going to the grocery stores and delivery a proclamation and the supermarkets were grateful for the recognition.

Councilmember DeRosa added that it was nice to be back in person and hearing about all the activities that will be resuming again.

He asks that everyone keep the Ukrainians in your thoughts and prayers.

Councilmember Lundy would like to thank Barry and his crew from the DPW for getting Beechwood Nature Trails open again as well as Scott Raymond for working with the Borough Engineer today. She looks forward to getting the trail open.

Councilman Pizzella would like to thank Barry and the DPW as well, especially for their work the DPW did in Beechwood Park. This is the first time he has ever seen a Superintendent work on that park and get done what was needed. He thanked the engineers for working with us and responding back to us so quickly. He especially would like to thank the Police Department and specifically Captain Sean Smith and Police Officer Corey Rooney for their assistance last week during a medical episode that he had.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:

[R22068](#) To provide for a meeting not open to the public in accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 – *Personnel – Borough Administrator Position, Zoning changes*

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale is subject to certain requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 provides that an Executive Session not open to the public may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale to discuss in a session not open to the public certain matters relating to the item or items authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) and designated below:

- ___ (1) Matters required by law to be confidential.
- ___ (2) Matters where the release of information would impair the right to receive funds.
- ___ (3) Matters involving individual privacy –
- ___ (4) Matters relating to collective bargaining -
- ___ (5) Matters relating to the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property or the investment of public funds.
- ___ (6) Matters relating to public safety and property –

X (7) Matters relating to litigation, negotiations and the attorney-client privilege – *Zoning changes*

X (8) Matters relating to the employment relationship – *Personnel – Borough Administrator Position*

___ (9) Matters relating to the potential imposition of a penalty.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Hillsdale assembled in public session this date that an Executive Session closed to the public be and the same is hereby authorized for discussion of matters relating to the specified items designated above. It is anticipated that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Borough Council that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

Motion Council President Trochimiuk Second Councilmember DeRosa

Ayes: Council President Trochimiuk, Councilmember DeRosa, Escobar, Horvath, Lundy, Pizzella

Nays: None

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING:

Council President Trochimiuk Second Councilmember DeRosa Ayes: Council Members DeRosa, Escobar, Horvath, Lundy, Pizzella, Council President Trochimiuk

Nays: None

[R22069](#) Resolution Appointing David Troast as Borough Administrator

WHEREAS, there currently exists a vacancy in the position of Borough Administrator for the Borough of Hillsdale; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale wishes to appoint David Troast (“Employee”) as Borough Administrator effective as of March 3, 2022; and

WHEREAS, David Troast wishes to accept such appointment on the terms recited in this Resolution, and in an Employment Agreement, the terms of which are incorporated by reference herein:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, David Troast be and hereby is appointed as Borough Administrator of the Borough of Hillsdale on the following terms:

1. The term of appointment shall be for the period commencing March 3, 2022 and expiring on December 31, 2022.

2. Compensation for the foregoing period shall be in the gross amount of \$129,000 payable on a payroll basis, less standard deductions, pro-rated during the period of his employment.

3. No medical insurance coverage shall be provided by the Borough to Mr. Troast during the term of employment, inasmuch as he has advised the Borough that he is otherwise covered by medical insurance.

4. All other terms of Mr. Troast's employment shall be as set forth in an Employment Agreement between Mr. Troast and the Borough, the terms of which are incorporated by reference herein.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor, the Borough Clerk, the Borough Attorney and the Borough Labor Attorney are authorized to take any and all necessary and appropriate actions to effectuate the terms of this

Motion: Council President Trochimiuk Second: Councilmember Horvath
Ayes: Councilmember Horvath, Pizzella, Council President Trochimiuk
Nays: Councilmember Escobar, Lundy, DeRosa
Vote ended in a tie. Mayor Ruocco voted yes to break the tie and motion passes.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn Council President Trochimiuk Second Councilmember DeRosa
Ayes: Councilmember Horvath, Lundy, Pizzella, Council President Trochimiuk, DeRosa, Escobar
Nays: None

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL BE
TUESDAY, MARCH 8th, 2022 7:00 pm.**

Denise Kohan, Municipal Clerk

APPROVED AS PRESENTED